

Proclamation

The tolling of the Liberty Bell at Independence Hall in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, at two o'clock in the afternoon of July 4, 1776, proclaimed the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The adoption of this historic document marked the birth of the United States of America as a free and independent nation.

For 230 years, the United States of America has been a beacon of hope and a symbol of possibilities for people throughout the world. More than a mere collection of states, our country represents freedom and an existence without tyranny and oppression.

As a nation, our people, who are comprised of a multicultural blend of global ethnicities, are the solid foundation from which we build a country based on the rule of law and the pursuit of individual dreams.

The Fourth of July celebration, with its backyard barbeques and firework displays, honor those founding fathers along with brave men and women of the armed services whose unyielding courage and sacrifice have made this country strong.

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, and **I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA JR.**, Lieutenant Governor, do hereby proclaim **July 4, 2006**,


INDEPENDENCE DAY

in the Aloha State, and support this celebration of our nation's birthday.

Done at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-seventh day of June 2006.



Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i



James R. "Duke" Aiona, Jr.
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i